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SUBJECT: INVITATION TO SECRETARY FROM LORD MAYOR OF
CARDIFF

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER DATED JANUARY 15, 1975,
TO THE SECRETARY FROM THE LORD MAYOR OF CARDIFF INVITING
HIM TO ATTEND CEREMONY AT WHICH FREEDOM OF THE CITY
WILL BE CONFERRED ON FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN. LETTER
WAS HANDED TO CHARGE JANUARY 16 FOR TRANSMISSION TO THE
SECRETARY. SIGNED ORIGINAL FOLLOWS BY POUCH.

BEGIN TEXT

DEAR DR. KISSINGER:

I BELIEVE YOU ARE AWARE THAT THE CITY OF CARDIFF
WILL BE HONOURING THE RT. HON. JAMES CALLAGHAN, M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS
BY CONFERRING UPON HIM THE FREEDOM OF THE CITY AT A
CEREMONY TO TAKE PLACE AT THE CITY HALL, CARDIFF, ON
THURSDAY, 6TH OF MARCH. AT THE SAME TIME ANOTHER MEMBER
OF PARLIAMENT, THE RT. HON. GEORGE THOMAS, WHO IS AT
PRESENT DEPUTY SPEAKER AT THE HOUSE OF COMMONS WILL ALSO
BE RECEIVING THE FREEDOM.

THIS IS AN UNIQUE OCCASION IN THE HISTORY OF THE
CITY, WHEN WE SHALL BE HONOURING TWO MEMBERS OF PARLIA-
MENT WHO HAVE SERVED CARDIFF CONTINUOUSLY FOR OVER 30
YEARS, AND HAVE BOTH HELD HIGH OFFICE AND ARE PRIVY
COUNSELLORS.

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THE FREEDOM CEREMONY WILL COMMENCE AT 12 NOON AND
LAST FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR, AND ON THE EVENING OF
THAT DAY A CIVIC BANQUET WILL BE HELD HERE IN HONOUR OF
THE TWO NEW FREEMEN.

IT WOULD GIVE ME, AND IN PARTICULAR, MR. CALLAGHAN
THE GREATEST OF PLEASURE IF YOU WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO
ACCEPT THE INVITATION TO COME TO CARDIFF ON THAT DAY AND
BE THE GUEST OF THE CITY, AND I NEED HARDLY SAY THAT AS
CAPITAL OF THE PRINCIPALITY OF WALES A WARM WELCOME WILL
BE EXTENDED TO YOU BY ALL OUR CITIZENS. I AM AWARE OF
YOUR EXTREMELY HEAVY LIST OF ENGAGEMENTS, BUT HOPE THAT
NEVERTHELESS YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ACCEPT THIS INVITATION
AND, IF YOU ARE ABLE TO DO SO, IT WOULD GIVE ME ADDED
PLEASURE IF YOU AND ANY COLLEAGUES WHO MAY ACCOMPANY
YOU, WOULD ACCEPT A FURTHER INVITATION TO BE MY GUESTS
OVERNIGHT AT THE MANSION HOUSE HERE.

MAY I LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF
THIS INVITATION, AND I EXTEND MY VERY BEST WISHES TO YOU
IN YOUR ADMIRABLE WORK IN SEEKING TO BRING PEACE
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

YOURS SINCERELY,
(SIGNED) ALBERT HUIISH, J.P.
LORD MAYOR
END TEXT

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